

House Bill 1467

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to
2 establish the Children's Code Commission; to provide for its composition and membership;
3 to provide for its duties and responsibilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by adding
8 a new chapter to read as follows:

9 "CHAPTER 47

10 31-47-1.

11 (a) There is created the Children's Code Commission which is assigned to the Department
12 of Human Resources for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section
13 50-4-3.

14 (b) The commission shall consist of 20 members who shall be appointed as provided in
15 this Code section. Three members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Lieutenant
16 Governor with not more than two from the same political party. Three members of the
17 House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives with not more than two from the same political party. Six members shall
19 be appointed by the Governor from the public at large for their interest and expertise in the
20 fields to be considered by the commission. The other eight members shall consist of the
21 State School Superintendent, or his or her designee; the commissioner of community
22 health, or his or her designee; the commissioner of human resources, or his or her designee;
23 the director of the Division of Public Health within the Department of Human Resources,
24 or his or her designee; the director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the

1 Department of Human Resources, or his or her designee; the director of the Governor's
2 Office of Highway Safety, or his or her designee; the Child Advocate for the Protection of
3 Children, or his or her designee; and the president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges,
4 or his or her designee. Members shall serve for terms of two years and until their
5 successors are duly appointed.

6 (c) The committee shall select a chairperson from among its membership. The
7 commission shall meet at least eight times a year and shall meet upon the call of the
8 chairperson. The commission shall organize itself as it deems appropriate and may elect
9 additional officers from among its members.

10 (d) Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment
11 by the original appointing authority.

12 (e) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the
13 same expense allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly
14 for each day such member of the commission is in attendance at a meeting of such
15 commission, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by
16 public carrier or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal car in connection with
17 such attendance as members of the General Assembly. Such expense and travel allowance
18 shall be paid in lieu of any per diem, allowance, or other remuneration now received by any
19 such member for such attendance.

20 31-47-2.

21 The Children's Code Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

22 (1) To study all laws affecting the health, education, safety, and welfare of children;

23 (2) To identify areas of the law affecting children that need to be revised, amended, or
24 consolidated in order to ensure these laws promote, safeguard, and protect the well-being
25 of children;

26 (3) To make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding legislation that should
27 be adopted relating to the health, education, safety, and welfare of children;

28 (4) To provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
29 no later than December 15 of each year; and

30 (5) To perform such other activities as the commission finds necessary in order to
31 accomplish its purposes under this Code section."

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.